

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Katsuto SAKAMOTO *et al.*  
Serial No.: Unassigned (§53b Cont. of 09/379,365 filed 23 August 1999)  
Filed: 28 August 2003  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING  
LOCAL FEATURES OF VIDEO, AND RECORDING  
MEDIUM STORING THE METHOD  
Art Unit: Unassigned (Parent - 2623)  
Examiner: Unassigned (Parent - M. Dastouri)  
Conf. No.: Unassigned (Parent -1181)

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE/REQUEST FOR  
INTERVIEW/INTENT TO FILE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
POB 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

28 August 2003

Sir:

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF INTERVIEW/STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE**

Applicant and the undersigned gratefully acknowledge the Examiner Interview conducted 27 August 2003, by and between (as indicated in the Interview Summary) Examiner Mehrdad Dastouri and attorney Paul J. Skwierawski, in the parent application to the present continuation case.

More particularly, Applicant hereby reiterates the discussions had during the Examiner Interview in the following Statement of Substance.

More particularly, Claim 1 and a proposed clarified (amended) Claim 7 were discussed, and the cited art of Liou *et al.* and "Jiro Kiyama" were discussed. The Examiner indicated on the Interview Summary that "amended Claim 7 will overcome

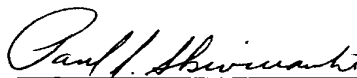
the teachings of prior arts of record, but would require further search and consideration."

**REQUEST FOR EXAMINER INTERVIEW PRIOR TO FIRST ACTION  
AND NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO FILE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

An Examiner Interview prior to issuance of a first Office Action in this continuing application is respectfully requested. As stated in MPEP §713.02, "A request for an interview prior to first Office Action is ordinarily granted in continuing or substitute applications." Similarly, as stated in MPEP §706.07(b), "A request for an interview prior to first action on a continuing or substitute application should ordinarily be granted." After such Examiner Interview, Applicant intends to file a Preliminary Amendment for adjusting/submitting claims which should be examined in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area number 703-312-6600 for the purpose of scheduling an Examiner Interview. The Examiner is thanked in advance for such consideration. Contact also will be attempted by the undersigned to schedule an Examiner Interview.

No fees are required for entry of this Statement/Request.

Respectfully submitted,



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